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- 25X11. During the war neither Hungarian nor German troops were stationed in Tiszafured (J 82). A Soviet pioneer school which is now located in the city is quartered in barracks which were built only after the war and completed in the summer of 1947. The barracks are on the edge of the city and less than a quarter of a mile from the River Tisza (Theiss). They consist of four principal buildings, each three stories high and about 80 meters long and 40 meters wide; in addition to these there are sheds, store-rooms, and a garage. The whole complex of buildings is surrounded by a fence two meters high. Near the bank of the river are several sheds and tents in which equipment is stored, which are guarded by numerous sentries.
2. The pioneer school houses about 1500 soldiers, who are transferred and replaced at the completion of a nine months' course. The permanent training staff comprises between 200 and 250 officers and non-commissioned officers. The commandant of the school is a Col. Vinogradov, who is billeted in a house nearby, with his family.
 3. The soldiers are equipped with small arms only. The school possesses 20 or 30 trucks and about 20 draft horses, and also two tanks and two armored scout cars which are used for training purposes. Furthermore, the school has a number of high-speed assault boats.
 4. Exercises, which are carried out daily along the river, frequently include practice in bridge-building.

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